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Finance Committee Minutes 09/12/05

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETINGS
 7:30 PM TOWN HALL HEARING ROOM
 9/12/05

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan*	Fey*	Dunn*	O'Neill*	Mahoney
DeCoursey*	Connors	Simmons*		
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan*	
Piandes	Franclemont*	Jones*	Olsen*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*		Kneeland*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: Paul Bayer, Dean Carman

TOWN DAY BOOTH:

9:30-11:30 Foskett, O'Neill, Fanning

11:30-1:30 Jones, xxx

1:30-3:30 Dunn, xxx

Tosti will recruit others for 2nd & 3d time slots. Franclemont to provide tablecloth, etc. Dunn to provide tent.

Handouts: Capital Planning, Summary budget spread sheet 06- Jones, Budget Cycle

ASSOCIATION OF TOWN FINANCE COMMITTEES ANNUAL MEETING: Saturday 11/5. Tosti circulated agenda by email. Sign up w/ Kneeland. There will be a car pool.

REPORTS

Schools: Ronan stated that under new Superintendent & admin staff off to good start. Fanning reported that a prelim budget expected 11/1.

Symmes: Foskett said ARB still negotiating w/ neighbors. Knows of no roadblocks.

Fields: Olson reported that user groups are working toward a warrant article that would require a user fee adequate to offset most of the \$40k turf management contract. This group to look for ways to make full use of the artificial turf at AHS, to save the grass fields.

Budget & Revenue Task Force: Tosti reviewed tonight's 6:00 mtg.

The Manager updated & explained the 5 yr plan. Jones to circulate by email. Superintendent will support. Discussion of what FinCom can do to hold to this plan. Deyst suggested that some groups will want relief. Tosti recommended letter from BOS to Minuteman. Fey thought Park Ave Fire Station might cost more than budgeted. Foskett warned against micromanagement. Simmons to find status of fire station project.

Superintendent reported on seminar on better way to approach health insurance collective bargaining. Before bargaining starts, have a fact finding study w/ all stakeholders represented to reach understanding of options.

Fiscal Organization Study: Subcommittee (Tosti, Sheffler, LaCourt) to review Greeley's study committee proposal & report to next B&RTF mtg (10/6).

REORGANIZATION: Kneeland conducted elections:

Nominated & VOTED for Chair: Al Tosti Unanimous.

Nominated & VOTED for first Vice-Chair: Charlie Foskett Unanimous.

Nominated & VOTED for second Vice-Chair: Dick Fanning Unanimous.

Nominated & VOTED for third Vice-Chair: Alan Jones Unanimous.

Nominated & VOTED for Secretary: Pete Howard Unanimous.

VOTED to thank Gail DuBois for her many years of service as Vice Chair. Unanimous w/ a round of loud applause.

COMMITTEE: Vacancies exist in Pcts 17 & 20. Kneeland to advertise.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$350,000

Peter B Howard Secretary 9/12/05

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